
County Offices and Improvements

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) Capital Improvements Program supports the planning, construction, renovation, and replacement of facilities required by the operating departments of the County government. In addition, the program provides for the scheduled replacement of roofs, internal systems (such as air conditioning), and other components in all buildings owned by the County government.

In addition to general government projects directly under the supervision of DPWT, the Department conducts site selection and design/construction coordination for facility-related projects required by other County departments, including Libraries, Recreation, Fire/Rescue, Police, Corrections, and Environmental Protection. These projects make use of DPWT design and construction management expertise and are discussed in sections of the CIP covering the specific programs of the other departments.

The DPWT Capital Program continues to reflect an emphasis on systemic replacement programs. Significant expenditures include HVAC systems and roof replacement as the two most expensive components of a building. Projects such as Energy Conservation: MCG are an investment in lower operating costs through improved and more efficient lighting and other energy-consuming systems.

In addition to systems replacement and improvement programs, DPWT builds, repairs, and renovates structures used by County agencies. When operating departments propose renovations to their buildings (such as libraries or fire stations) for improved operational use, DPWT also assesses the condition of the physical plant and building systems. Generally, if a decision is made to renovate a specific facility, all work will be included within the project. If less than a full-scale renovation is needed, then work required for roofs, HVAC, electrical systems, and modifications to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act will be budgeted within the respective systemic projects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Complete the rehabilitation of Glen Echo Park.
- Improve the Indoor Air Quality of the Brookville Depot and the Equipment and Maintenance Operations Center.
- Design the renovation of the soon to be vacated Germantown Library for reuse by the Upcounty Regional Services Center and a variety of other County agencies.
- Upgrade the life safety systems in County Government facilities to protect the facilities and occupants in the event of fire emergencies.

- Install new or upgrade Energy Management Systems in County Government facilities to improve energy management and conservation.
- Continue to replace aging County building roof systems, parking lots, HVAC and electrical systems, and elevator systems.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The recommended FY07-12 CIP for DPWT includes 19 capital projects totaling \$52.7 million. This represents a \$6.6 million, or 11.1 percent, decrease from the \$59.3 million included in the Amended FY05-10 program. The cost decrease is due primarily to completion or progress through previously approved projects such as the Strathmore Hall Arts Center and the Multi-Agency Driver Training Facility.